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"THE Life of Edwin Forrest," by James Rees, is about ready at T. B. Peterson & Brothers. Besides the features already spoken of, the volume will contain copies of Mr. Forrest's last will and the charter of the "Edwin Forrest Home," which Mr. Forrest endowed.

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Publishers' Board of Trade,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

25 Bond Street, New York.

New York, Jan. 30, 1874.

The next regular meeting of the Publishers' Board of Trade will be held at the Grand Central Hotel, in New York, on Wednesday, February 11, at half-past One o'clock.

HENRY HOLT, Secretary.

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The Prices in this List are for cloth lettered, unless otherwise indicated. Imported Books are marked with an asterisk; Authors' and Subscription Books, or Books published at net prices, with two asterisks.

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- American Reports.** See United States.
- Barbauld, Mrs.** See Ellis.
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- Demosthenes on the Crown.** Edited by Rev. Arthur Holmes, A.M. *Revised ed.* by Prof. W. S. Tyler, Amherst College. 16°, pp. 304. \$1.50. *Allyn.*
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- Fisher, Sam'l S.** See United States.
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Roberts Bros.—A Dictionary of Music, edited by George Grove.—The Trust and the Remittance, two Love Stories, by Mary Cowd n Clarke.—William Blake's Poems, edited by W. M. Rosette.

Estes & Lauriat.—Elementary History of Art, for Schools and Self-Instruction, by N. D'Anvers.—The Beginner's First French Book, by Henry Van Laun and Victor Pleignier.—Handbook of Mythology, for general readers and schools.—Hayward's Critical Essays.

Harper & Bros.—Life and Labors of Albany Fonblanque.—Autobiography of Guiseppe Mar'a Campanella.—Anecdote Lives of the later Wits and Humorists.—Nathaniel Vaughan, Priest and Man.—Under the Limes.—First Lessons on the Principles of Cooking.—By Sea and by Land.—Meeting the Sun.—The Folk-Lore of Rome.—Reminiscences of Forty-Three Years' Service in India.—A Child's First Latin Book.—The French Principia.—The Principles of Greek Etymology.—Over the Furze.—Chaste as Ice, Pure as Snow.—Shingleborough Society.—Gaunt Abbey.—The Thorntons of Thornbury.—Longevity: The Means of Prolonging Life after Middle Age, by Dr. John Gardner.—Persia, Ancient and Modern.

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James R. Osgood & Co.—Fables in Song, by Robt. Lord Lytton, author of "Poems by Owen Meredith," "Lucile," etc.

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- Hare, A. W. The Alton Sermons. Post 8°. Isbister.....10s. 6d.
- House (The) that Baby Built. By the author of "Fight at Dame Europa's School." Post 8°. Simpkin.....5s.
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- Tinne, J. E. The Wonderland of the Antipodes. Roy. 8°. Low.....16s.
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FRANCE.

The French list, having been omitted by oversight of the printer, must lie over.

A Last Word.

WE trust this number of the WEEKLY will reach the trade in time to induce some members of the trade, who had not so decided, to be present at the convention in Cincinnati (Burnet House) on the 12th. Its success depends much upon the extent of the representation of the trade, and where authorized delegates from towns having more than one bookseller, have not been appointed, it is very desirable that individuals should be present as members of the convention. If its work prove successful, as there is reason to hope it will, the members of the trade who spend a few dollars and two or three days in making the journey to Cincinnati will find themselves repaid with compound interest for the investment, by the improvement of the trade which will come of the reforms contemplated. We are sorry to find that Eastern publishers are not likely to be present in person at the convention, but some of them will send letters, and nearly all have expressed hearty sympathy with its aims and a desire to co-operate with it in the reforms proposed.

And when the convention meets, we hope it will show that it means business. Its purpose is in good part the discussion of evils and remedies, but let good care be taken that the discussion be not so extended as to prevent action, and the convention made practical in its outcome. Too much talk must be strenuously guarded against. The unity of the trade must also be kept always in view, because if the convention allow itself to be put in opposition to any part of the trade, it will simply add to the existing complications.

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- La Mara. Musikalische Gedanken - Polyphonie. Aussprüche berühmter Tonsetzer üb. ihre Kunst. 8. Leipzig, Leuckart.....1 Th. 15 gr.
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- Bismarck's Geflügelte Worte in Bild u. Schrift. gr. 4. Berlin, Mooser.....4 Th.; geb. 6 Th. u. 7 Th. 10 gr.
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We believe that the trade has not for many years been so firmly convinced, through and through, that the interests of all its members are the same, and that all need the reforms which the convention is called to promote; and if the latter acts in view of these facts, it will receive the hearty thanks of the entire trade, publisher and retailer, and from East to West.

ENGLAND and America are equally deficient in copyright records. There is a general call upon Mr. Spofford to arrange for the publication of full copyright records in monthly bulletins, or on some such plan, and in England the press is endeavoring to induce the authorities of the British Museum, which receives a copy of every book published in the kingdom, to assume the responsibility of publishing every year a systematic catalogue, according to authors and subjects, of the year's publication, republishing them in rearrangement every five years and twenty-five years, in a handy form and at a nominal price. The idea is a good one, and we trust may succeed.

MR. J. WHITTAKER, the proprietor of the London Bookseller, announces an English Reference Catalogue, on the plan of that issued by ourselves. The full catalogues of the various publishers in the United Kingdom will be printed in uniform size, and issued in an octavo volume of about 1,500 pages. The price will be two shillings and six pence to members of the trade, about 75 cents. Judging from our own experience in the matter, it will doubtless be of great convenience to Mr. Whittaker, if members of the trade

here who desire copies of this catalogue, will forward their orders through their regular agents or jobbing houses as promptly as possible, to enable him to form an estimate of the number required. We are promised a communication from Mr. Whittaker as to book-trade journalism for an early number.

WE are asked the pertinent question, what advantage subscribers to the Finding List will have over non-subscribers. In the first place, it depends upon the number of subscribers whether the work will be undertaken at all, and individual subscriptions here and there, which may seem of little moment in themselves, are quite likely to determine the matter. Secondly, we intend, when the work has sufficiently progressed that the price can be definitely determined (and the price will be as much below \$25 as the cost will allow, though we cannot receive subscriptions at less than that rate), to make the price to non-subscribers, after publication, from \$5 to \$10 above the cost of the work to those who have assisted in guaranteeing it. The subscriptions toward the work now amount to about one-third the sum required, which gives us some encouragement, while it still demands the active co-operation of all who desire to see the work published.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The interests of the trade cannot be better served than by a full discussion by its members of all questions which affect it. Our columns are always open to communications on any such subject, provided they be brief and suggestive, and we cordially invite the trade to express any suggestions or opinions of interest or value in "Letters to the Editor."

Thoughts on Trade Topics.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

THE dull season that follows the holiday trade affords leisure for looking over the events of the year, and suggests the propriety of it. And it has been a notable year in two respects at least: it has shown that the bookseller is not a dealer in luxuries alone, that books have become a necessity to bookbuyers, and that the trade does not suffer in hard times as might be expected. And it has been notable for the interest awakened in the trade in the improvement of its methods. The prominent part that you have taken, Mr. Editor, in accomplishing the latter deserves the appreciation and thanks of all booksellers. The "Trade List Annual," in furnishing nearly all the lists uniform and in one volume, is a vast improvement over any method of filing them that could be contrived heretofore. It is an invaluable aid to the bookseller, and its usefulness ought to insure its annual issue hereafter with whatever improvement can be made.

Your proposed "Finding List," that it is to be hoped will be completed this year, will be a great assistance, too, but I think Mr. Kelly's plan of a complete bibliography of American books incom-

parably better. Every bookseller should be himself a "practical finding list of current publications," but he cannot be familiar with all books that have been published. The bookseller has frequent calls for books that are entirely out of print, and he ought to have better means of looking them up than Roorbach's and Kelly's half a dozen volumes; and the difficulty of finding even them and their expensiveness puts them out of the reach of nearly all dealers. Besides, it would have every advantage that the "Finding List" will have.

In this connection I may mention two plans that I have found useful. One is to have Putnam's classified list of "The Best Reading" bound with blank interleaves for keeping it always up to date and entering books that may not be found in it. The list is not free from objections, but is the best I know of. The other is to bind into one volume complete lists of books in special departments, such as religious, law, medical, scientific, agricultural, educational, German, French, etc.

The proposed meeting of booksellers in Cincinnati will reopen the vexed question of underselling. Whatever may be done I think that all efforts to keep up prices of books to a nominal high rate over a large extent of country will fail. It is scarcely possible in single cities. Prices will always regulate themselves, and depend only on the original cost and the expense of selling. But the discredit of having all sorts of prices can be prevented. The main reason of the general breaking into publishers' retails is that the trade can afford to do so. If the publishers would uniformly put down their retail prices to such a rate that thirty per cent. would be a fair discount to the trade, there would be an end of breaking prices, and retailers would make about the same profits they now do—a little less on the general trade and a little more on the trade accustomed to discounts. For books could then be sold to everybody at retail rates, with possibly a five per cent. cash discount on large orders. Books will always be sold a little lower in the large cities than in the interior, for they can be afforded at less; but nearly all buyers will buy at home if within five or ten per cent. of the prices ruling in a distant city.

Perhaps the next most efficient cause of the demoralization of the book trade, and of the breaking up of prices, is the trade sale. It is here that the dealers in "old books," who do more than all others to break up prices, get their supplies, and the regular dealer, who buys here, gets books at such rates as make up, he thinks, for selling other books frequently at little or no profit. Why publishers should go deliberately into a trade sale knowing that they are ruining their own prices, why they should not carry their own old stock as a dealer carries his, both finding it to their profit to keep their goods till they are wanted, and then to get what they are worth, are questions that admit but two answers: they are hard-up, or they act on the "penny-wise and pound-foolish" principle. Against this we think the trade ought to protest with all its influence.

What a fashion the publishers have of making a procrustean bed of some widely advertised shape or size of books, and of fitting into it every author, no matter how poorly it is adapted to him. Must every book be a Globe, or a Diamond, or a Household? Take the Diamond Proctor for example. By making it a little larger those odious double columns, that so disfigure the appearance of the page, might be avoided. And in this and in even cheap editions of every standard author a

good portrait ought to be put. If it is necessary to add a little to the price of the book, the improvement would easily bring it. But do not think that I am recommending the practice of the subscription publishers, who try to make an obscure author appear famous by putting an ill-looking portrait in his book.

Some of the books that respectable publishing houses have brought out this year, are far from creditable to them. Has the good old office of butcher, that Holmes so amusingly describes in "The Guardian Angel," fallen into disuse among the publishers?

I have often thought that the Harpers would gratify the public and be sure of a large sale if they would publish Nast's political and humorous drawings, in folio or quarto, as those of the English caricaturists have been. And the "Easy Chair," that has so long charmed a multitude of readers, ought to be brought out in book shape, and would be sure to pay.

In conclusion, may I suggest a new department in your already excellent Weekly? We want to know how to pronounce the names of living, and especially new authors: *Bagehot*, for instance—what shall we call him?

J. H. T.

Quixotry vs. Quixotry.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22, 1874.

PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY: Dear Sir (Because I think you are a Sir): You must know that "Sir" Somebody Something is the title of a "knight," and I have not the least doubt that you *are* a knight—a knight errant, a Don Quixote—in fact, *the* Don Quixote of the American book trade. It is a good deal more than a quarter of a century since I have been watching American bibliography and American book making and bookselling, and all your predecessors in the Quixotic line have been my friends. Some of them are dead. I *dis-remember* whether the Crowner's quest said "starvation" or "temporary (perhaps chronic) insanity." But they are dead. Some had sense enough to survive. But they did not publish the secret. I watched them, however, because I loved them and their honest aspirations, and their hopeless cause. And my conclusion was that their sense was proved by discovering the hopelessness of their cause, and by refusing further proceedings in self-immolation. They quit book-trade bibliography and they survived. Some have even lived to see the day when they not only had bread, but salt to it.

Now, I am a humane man (though an ancient bookseller and *even* an ancient publisher), and my philanthropy goes to the length of reading the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY of 1874. How my heart bleeds for the poor Sisypnus who rolls that rock up hill! But sentimental sympathy never did any good yet, and I will therefore try if I cannot give mine a practical turn.

You will pardon the broad statement that your bibliography (in all its phases) is the best we have had yet in America. I would hesitate to say what might be construed as base flattery if you did not know that I don't care to flatter a book-trade paper, not depending on its favor; having, in fact, had sense enough to get out of the book trade, for which—I knew too much!

But outside of it there is an ocean of information, and I have been learning a slight modicum of that. I find that no man is appreciated who undervalues himself. They may find him out when he is dead, and give him a tombstone, but *even* that kind of stone is not bread.

My advice to you now is to revise your article on the Finding List (vol. V., No. 3, p. 49, Jan. 17, '74) and correct the number of *subscriptions* (mind, I don't say *subscribers*, for Dives can take a hundred copies where Lazarus can't take one) from 600 to 1,000. You know as well as I do that \$15,000 will barely, if at all, pay for the clerical labor, typography, paper, and binding of a Finding List, and you—old Don Quixote—propose to throw all your brain work in free gratis and for nothing. Believe me, nobody thanks you for that.

Every man in the entire class of publishers or booksellers, whose opinion is worth anything, knows that your services to the book trade by your bibliographical suicides are worth, to the trade, a fortune; and not one of them hesitates to vote you a bonus for the last crowning effort in practical bibliography, of \$10,000 PROFIT, provided, of course, that he only pays that proportion thereof which his intelligent appreciation of your work bears to the whole intelligent appreciation you are getting. You perceive that a man may be just without being liberal.

I am entirely satisfied that the book trade during the years of your servitude to it has made more progress in appreciation of bibliography than in the twenty years before you started. They know its value to them in dollars and cents, and I know them well enough to say, and to say it boldly, that they would rather that you should have some dollars and cents, too, than that they should go without those dollars and cents which they owe to your work. But they will of course take a ten-pound book for fifty cents if you choose to give it for just what you pay your binder. *They* are no fools. Awake! shake yourself up; tell the book trade that you *must have* \$10,000 for past services, including the Finding List—that is, \$10,000 *clear profit to yourself*—and you will get it. If not, then—don't give them the Finding List. Stop their WEEKLY, and their "Monthly" and their "Annual" and their "Educational" and their "Christmas," and in doing so, stop their *laughing at you for working without pay*. It is ridiculous nonsense to give to others the means of living without, in return, getting the means of living. So my practical sympathy is, *strike for pay!* You are much too modest a man to find appreciation without aid. I am an old man, and I may freely say my say, when you young folks would blush to think, let alone speak.

I say in honor of the book trade of to-day that your bibliographical publications are of vital necessity to it; that they are so recognized, and that *they would be more appreciated if they cost more*.

You may do as you please, but this is the sentiment of
SENEX.

The "Library Corner."

SAN JOSE LIBRARY, Jan. 27, 1874.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

I ASSURE you I was glad to see the "Library Corner" in the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY, and send you our pamphlet, which you can use as you see proper.

A list of the real names of pseudonymous and anonymous authors would be very useful to librarians. Can you not prepare one?

Please let me know, in the Library Corner, when the Encyclopædia Britannica, now in process of publication, will be ready for the public.

Allow me to suggest that if you could secure *one* librarian from each State of the U. S. and foreign countries to aid you in the Library Corner, the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY would become more

useful even to booksellers. Instead of a "corner" you could establish a regular Librarians' Department. It is certainly a librarian's interest to send you all the items he can and to assist you in your laudable enterprise.

We need men educated for library work. I think it is a distinct profession and should have special training.

I shall send soon a compilation of California library items.

GEORGE W. FENTRESS, Librarian.

The Copybook Controversy—The Other Side.

BOSTON, January 31, 1874.

To the Editor of the *Publishers' Weekly*.

OUR attention has been called to two letters in a recent number of your valuable publication purporting to have been exchanged between Messrs. Wynkoop & Leonard and Messrs. Woolworth, Ainsworth & Co., relative to a circular of ours lately sent to the trade.

Happily all of the statements which that circular contained are practically admitted by Messrs. Woolworth, Ainsworth & Co. when they say in their letter that the Williams & Packard books, as published in the year 1868, "were wholly unlike any books known to the public." This is just what we have always contended, and it is because of this fact, and because Messrs. Woolworth, Ainsworth & Co., their authors and agents, immediately upon the appearance of these books revised the P. D. & S., and made them wholly like what, according to their own statements, they were before "wholly unlike," that we have brought suit against them.

But the most remarkable feature of this letter of Woolworth, Ainsworth & Co. is the great and glaring variance between the statement that the Williams & Packard books were "wholly unlike" anything existing at the time of their appearance, and the statement immediately following, that they "have promptly responded to their (our) attack by instituting a suit against them (us) for infringement of the copyright on the Payson, Dunton & Scribner books of a *prior date*!" The italics are ours. No one probably will fail to notice the remarkable proposition which is here involved. The Williams & Packard books, say they, were wholly unlike anything then known to the public, including, of course, *ours*. Therefore we have instituted a suit against them for an infringement of *ours*.

What could be more convincing or more fully worthy of the immortal Bunsby?

As to their statement that "the present proprietors, who came in possession of the books early in 1873, at once commenced a revision of some of the numbers, and these revisions which *are shown* as proofs of *our* infringement, are carefully prepared imitations of our books, and were copyrighted in 1873, not in 1868, as may be seen by reference to the cover," we will say that the few changes recently introduced into the Williams & Packard books in no respect lessen the unlikeness to the P. D. & S. which Woolworth, Ainsworth & Co. assert to have existed in 1868. But the trade should understand that it is not the *revised* Williams & Packard books against which this counter suit has been brought by Messrs. Woolworth, Ainsworth & Co., as appears from the fact that it is not an infringement of their present P. D. & S. series, entered for copyright in 1870, of which they complain to the court—whatever else they may say or seem to say to the public—

but of the books of the P. D. & S. series published "prior" to 1868. So that the statement above quoted has no bearing upon the merits of the case, and is evidently an afterthought with Messrs. Woolworth, Ainsworth & Co. to enable them to offer, if possible, some plausible reason for bringing this counter suit.

The public will hardly fail to discover, however that the *true* reason why Messrs. Woolworth Ainsworth & Co. so "promptly responded" was in the hope of breaking the blow which our suits were inflicting by thus distracting the public attention from the real merits of the case.

So far from our suits being "frivolous," however, as they flippantly style them, we can most positively assure the trade that *we* mean business, and that there is every reason to believe that they will prove quite serious.

But the necessity which they evidently feel exists for bolstering up their statements by a certificate from their paid counsel that they "*think* the suit cannot be maintained," shows that any flippancy which they had previously manifested was more assumed than real. Without intending to reflect at all upon the eminent counsel, whose *thoughts* are thus paraded, we are sure that if they had formed their opinion with a full knowledge of all the facts in the case, and had not relied too much upon the *ex parte* representations of their clients—if they really knew, as we know, how much of weary effort and midnight oil their clients consumed in making the revision of their books as wholly like ours as they were able, we are sure their opinion would have been different. But the matter is, before the courts, and by them will be determined.

In conclusion, we desire only to reassure the trade that we are thoroughly in earnest, and that it is our intention to have settled, if possible, for all time, at least in this country, whether an author who produces something "wholly unlike" anything theretofore existing, and that something generally recognized as in many respects the highest expression of the art to which it pertains, has any rights which other workers in the same field are bound to respect; or whether it is in the power of parties emboldened by long years of successful absorption of the labors of others, to seize upon and appropriate these superior productions to their own use—whether, in short, the copyright act is what it purports to be, or simply a delusion and a farce.

We brought our case in the courts for a decree on its merits, and only appear in the public press when forced to do so by our opponents.

We have the honor to be very respectfully yours,
J. W. C. GILMAN & Co.

131 Franklin street.

The Dealer's Price of Periodicals.

To the Editor of the *Publishers' Weekly*.

I WISH to make, through your columns, a suggestion for the benefit of newsdealers and the publishers of papers and magazines.

Dealers could obtain more annual subscriptions than they do if they had a list of *all* papers and magazines with *trade net prices* affixed.

Some publishers issue this information, but most of them do not; and if a dealer wishes to know what remittance to make, he must write for the information, and when it is received the person who would have paid the *advertised* subscription price may have disposed of his money otherwise.

The *Waverley Magazine* publishes in its col-

umns, that a dealer remitting for a subscriber may deduct twenty-five per cent. Suppose it otherwise: A dealer buying from a news company receives the advertised subscription price, for six months, three dollars; he gets twenty-six numbers, and pays \$2.86 for them, and if he furnishes them at his place of business he also pays postage, ten cents, the rate of forty cents a hundred papers, making \$2.96, and leaving a grand profit of *four cents*, and yet the same subscriber would have objected to paying more, not taking into consideration that he would have to pay postage at his post office.

There are objections to publishing trade prices in publications, and if you, or some one, will issue such a list as suggested, I think advantage will result to dealers and publishers.

Yours truly,

GODFREY.

The Country Bookstore.

BOSTON, January 22, 1874.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

I NOTICE in your paper many articles on the relations of the bookseller to the publisher, and *vice versa*, and though only a writer I feel a deep interest in all that concerns books. I believe publishing and bookselling are second to no professions in the country, and that every village and town needs a church, a schoolhouse, and a bookstore. Neither the church nor the school is complete without a bookstore. Neither religious nor secular education can be complete without the benefits of general reading. Religious education, grounded on instruction from the weekly sermons and a few old standard works, makes people bigoted and narrow. Secular education, derived entirely from the text-books of schools, creates a musty education that detracts from the richness of the emotional nature, and makes people dry and uninteresting. The book-eller, if he is a "live man," can just fill the gap left by the church and the school.

The bookstore of a village should be the headquarters of its "literati"—not exclusive, shutting out those who do not quite "come up to the mark"—but open, free to all. Young people, active, restless, longing for knowledge, with fresh hearts waiting for the pen of time to write their tablets, should find in the bookstores of their own towns such reading, in variety and excellence, as will satisfy and improve them.

The bookseller has no right to wait till the people demand of him copies of a certain work, which he has not purchased till thus demanded through fear that he should not sell them. It is his duty to be constantly posted on all the new publications, to read reviews and criticisms, and to form intelligent opinions of what the people of his town should read; and then it is his duty to buy those books, put them in his store, and make himself both aggressive and progressive. He should not hide himself and his books behind his counter, but he should be busy keeping people awake. He should advertise in his village paper. He should put up placards, show bills, and posters, and send circulars into every family by scores. He should be the nucleus of a reading room for which he should be ready to stand as caterer, procuring all that is needed. If the people of a town are ignorant and stupid with regard to books, the bookseller should feel that the fault lies at his own door.

If booksellers were thus active; if they felt that "their calling is a profession, and not a trade," they would have far less cause to com-

plain that the lawyer, the minister, and the men of leisure send direct to the publisher instead of patronizing them. They should say to these people, "We will procure your books at a cheap rate; we have wholesale dealings with these publishers, and we will get your books at reasonable charges."

If booksellers would come up to their duties in these respects, they would find publishers ready to meet them half way, and to give them good books at reasonable prices. The interests of publishers require them to sustain the regular bookstores of the whole country. The universal patronage of the nation through these established channels is worth more than all jobbers or other transient modes of selling, and even agents would find it hard to compete with booksellers who were active as agents themselves.

Between agents and bookstores there seems at present a rivalry. They should not be rivals, but co-workers. There is plenty of room for both. Our country is large; there are places where bookstores cannot be sustained, and where the people never go to one. In those places agents are a blessing, and every town that has not an active bookseller, has a right to agents. Publishers should not be required to say of a publication, "By subscription only," or "To the trade only." They should have an undoubted right to either a local agent or a travelling agent in every town in the country. If a bookseller makes himself as one dead, the publisher of a good book has a right to send an active travelling agent into his town, that the people may not live in darkness. If a local bookseller will "take pains" to sell new, *good* works, he has the first right to his town, and is as useful both to people and publishers as the agent.

EUGENIA ST. JOHN.

A Miscredited Book.

PUBLIC LIBRARY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 29, 1874. }

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

DEAR SIR: Among the announcements of Estes & Lauriat, mentioned in the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY for Jan. 24, is "Adventures of an Attorney in Search of Practice," by Samuel Warren. That this book was not written by Samuel Warren, but by Sir George Stephen, who was also an attorney, is now generally known (*vide* Allibone), and it is not creditable to the bibliographical knowledge of our publishers that this error should be made twice within the same number of years.* If not already too late, we hope that Messrs. Estes & Lauriat will give the true author of this really interesting book the credit due him, or at least not attribute it to one who is not the author.

Very truly yours,

C. E.

The Convention.

WILMINGTON, DEL., Jan. 23, 1874.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

DEAR SIR: We hope you will be substantially encouraged to soon commence your Finding List; every day adds to its necessity.

We are truly glad to see the project taking shape for which we have hoped and suffered so long; we mean the booksellers' protective action. The retail book trade to-day is almost dead—*completely paralyzed*—for which there is no recovery, nor little desire for mending, unless some evidence

* Republished in Chicago, 1872, by James Cockcroft & Co.

is practically given that will be the harbinger of a brighter and better day. We want such action taken as will assure us that the future holds forth richer prospects than the past ten years have given, or, that there is no hope for the book trade in this country; in which case you will find hundreds of the present trade closing out and going into lines of business where piracy and fraud do not govern, even if they are known among the representative houses.

We want no sickly patching up, no temporary botch; we need a healthy reorganization and a new start on a new and firm foundation; something that will be an advantage and a credit to a trade so worthy and high-toned as the book business is the world over. The interest of publisher and dealer is identical, and the rights of both should be placed beyond the reach of any selfish soul who would strike at them.

Very truly,

BOUGHMAN, THOMAS & CO.

Wholesale Facts.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

IT is very evident that your correspondent S. H. P. is not "in the trade." His facts are not facts, and his deductions are not correctly drawn from his own given proposition.

Let S. H. P., and everybody else, whether in or out of "the trade," understand that the publishers' best interests are conserved by a large trade, and that such a trade is only possible in the book business, as in dry goods or groceries, by selling to consumers at the lowest practicable rates. Any other principle of business, in this time of sharp competition, were simple folly. So close, indeed, do the majority of books run to cost in their account on the publisher's ledger, that a positive loss is impending by their publication. About one book in three pays; about one book in five gives a fair profit, and about one in ten obtains such a sale as closes the gaps in the business, and encourages the publisher to redoubled exertion.

On transient books—the run of novels, travels, religious essays, sermons, etc.—nothing is made in the aggregate. They are, in the trade, necessary evils; they must be given both to keep up the publisher's lists in the race of competition, and because the reading public demands them. If, out of such ventures, the publisher is not a loser at the end of the year, he is well satisfied. His main dependence is on books that involve larger outlays, and for several years maintain a fair sale, such as histories, biographies, books of science, law and school books—works, in fact, of a standard nature and value, usually ranging in retail price from \$2.50 to \$5. On these he spends largely, and on them makes a fair profit. Were this not the case not an American publishing house could live for a year.

As to cost of a book to the publisher, S. H. P. is a literal know-nothing. In his given figures he omits the whole items of expense account, press copies, and advertising! Little use to notice such an *a priori* philosopher. He doubtless believes a farm can be run without any cost of production but the ploughing and seed grain. We have plenty of such wise men in this country.

An ordinary non-illustrated book, now-a-days, must have a sale of about 3,500 copies to equalize profit and loss. Where much advertising is necessary, a publisher is fortunate if he is whole with a sale of 5,000. Now, these sales are above the

average for transient volumes; hence the undesirableness of these publications, as above stated.

The impression, therefore, that both publisher and retailer are making large profits, are, in fact, swindling the book buyer, is equally unjust and injurious; and the struggle between publisher and retailer is brought on by the fact that the book business is so often done at a serious loss, by both parties. The struggle is one for existence. If retailers will solve the riddle how a publisher can give better margins and live, the publisher will only be too happy to have the solution. It is the publisher's sole business to publish for the trade, not to sell to casual customers.

Casual customers, to any well-organized publishing house, are always regarded as a nuisance, no matter under what guise they come. This the retailer ought to understand; publishers want him to do the selling; and, speaking from a most intimate knowledge of the trade, I know that no publisher does a counter or mail sale's business unless compelled to it by the exigencies of individual cases.

Let the "Booksellers' Protective Union" convention, soon to assemble in Cincinnati, investigate matters fully, and it will be discovered that booksellers themselves, by cutting prices, and loading up with "trade sales" *dead horses*, are the chief authors of their own disabilities.

Yours,

CLARENDON.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

WHICH SHALL IT BE? by Mrs. Alexander. (Henry Holt & Co.) "The Wooing O't," which introduced Mrs. Alexander to American readers, gained her hosts of friends. Her present novel will add to their number, as it even exceeds the former in merit. It is the usual society novel—the scene shifting from London to Paris and back again—and contains some exquisite bits of character sketching. The heroine is somewhat out of the regular line of heroines, and is daringly conceived. Though not faultless, she will inspire the strongest interest and sympathy. No doubt she will meet with some harsh treatment at the critic's hands, but for all that, her counterpart exists wherever women suffer and struggle, borne down by the double load of culture and poverty. The plot betrays no special originality, but the author's style is so good as to vivify every detail of the story. To sum up, a delightfully readable novel. One of the latest additions to the "Leisure Hour Series." 16mo, cloth, \$1.25.

BELLA; or, The Cradle of Liberty. A story of insane asylums, by Mrs. Eugenia St. John. (N. D. Berry.) If the revolting cruelties and horrors depicted in this book are really practised in our insane asylums, the authoress has undertaken a good work in exposing them, and endeavoring to end them by enlisting public indignation. She says she writes knowingly of her subject, having seen and experienced the fearful wrongs which she describes. A reading of her book we think will inspire the feeling that she is truthful and sincere, and that the object of her work is really "an earnest desire to do good by unveiling the iniquities which attend the treatment of the insane in our public asylums." Mrs. St. John will not pause in her good work, but follow up "Bella" with other stories of the same nature, purporting to be "faithful sketches of asylum life as it is." 12mo, cloth, \$1.75.

THOUGHTS FOR LENT, by the Rt. Rev. Ashton Oxenden. (A. D. F. Randolph & Co.) Devout thoughts and suggestions to aid in a proper observance of this holy period. 16mo, cloth, red-edged, \$1.25.

THE WORD OF LIFE, by Charles J. Brown. (Robert Carter & Bros.) A number of sermons selected from the work of a long ministry, and especially prepared for publication. Rev. Charles J. Brown has been for thirty-six years pastor of Free New North Church of Edinburgh, and presents in these pages some of his most eloquent discourses. 12mo, cloth, \$1.50.

POEMS OF TWENTY YEARS, by Laura Winthrop Johnson. (De Witt C. Lent.) A collection of short poems which is divided into two parts. Under the first we have the poems of "Fancy," and in the second those of "Experience." 12mo, cloth, \$1.50.

HARRY HEATHCOTE OF GANGOIL, by Anthony Trollope. (Harper & Bros.) A short, bright story of Australian bush-life. Not as elaborate as the novels Trollope has hitherto favored us with, still a very charming, readable book. 8vo, paper, 25 cents.

BLENDING LIGHTS, by the Rev. William Fraser. (Robert Carter & Bros.) An effort to reconcile Biblical history with recent scientific discoveries. We do not think the author has been very successful in clearing up the mystery which shrouds many of the statements of the Old and New Testaments. His theories of the origin of man, of the fact stated in Genesis that there was light before the sun was created, etc., will scarcely satisfy a doubting or inquiring mind. This book originated in a desire to provide such with an antidote to what he calls the "errors" of the present day. And though it is scholarly and earnest, it does not strike deep enough to convince or influence a mind already filled with the sophistries of Strauss and Renan, and the theories of Darwin. 12mo, cloth, \$2.00.

THE FISHERMAN'S MEMORIAL AND RECORD BOOK, by George H. Procter. (Procter Bros.) This tribute to the fishermen of Gloucester is to perpetuate the memory of all those from among them who were lost from that port while toiling in the fishing grounds during the past forty years. It also records the names of ships lost, with many stories of wonderful shipwrecks, some strange nautical yarns and maritime poetry, together with valuable statistics of the fishing business. 8vo, cloth.

UNITED STATES REGISTER; OR, BLUE BOOK FOR 1874. (J. Disturnell.) It contains the names of the principal civil officers of the Government, the Army and Navy list, authentic political and statistical information relating to the different States and Territories, the official census of the United States, etc., etc., etc. 8vo, paper, \$1.50.

CHICAGO AND ITS SUBURBS, by Everett Chamberlin. (T. A. Hungerford & Co.) A very complete statement of the aspect of Chicago of today, with a minute history of its earlier days. The second part of the work is devoted to the railroad resources, commerce, and manufactures of Chicago. Elaborate descriptions are given of its environs and all places of note, and illustrations furnished of both public and private residences at all noticeable for architectural beauty. The book seems to be written chiefly for those who are interested in Chicago land, as it is full of facts and statistics and maps. The general

reader however will find much in it to interest him. 8vo, cloth, \$2.50.

IN THE DAYS OF MY YOUTH, by Amelia B. Edwards. (Porter & Coates.) The attraction which Miss Edwards' novels possess cannot be attributed either to their plot or characters, as she does not excel in working out the former, and rarely makes profound studies of the latter. She has, nevertheless, the gift of charming her readers, an accomplishment which gives her a place among the best novelists of the day. Her books remind us of an artist's portfolio, with its many sketches of people and places picked up in the byways of travel. She generally paints from life, and is always decidedly picturesque. In "In the Days of My Youth" we have, coming from a woman's pen, a singularly graphic picture of student and grisette life in the *Quartier Latin*. Gay Bohemians and impecunious artists, reckless adventures, humorous stories and tender episodes are all mixed up together in a somewhat wild but very enjoyable manner. The hero is a young Englishman who goes to Paris to finish his medical studies. He tells his own story, and brings it to a successful conclusion by marrying the lady of his choice. 12mo, cloth, \$1.50.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF THOMAS GUTHRIE, D.D., and Memoir, by his sons, Rev. David K. Guthrie and Charles J. Guthrie. Vol. I. (Robert Carter & Bros.) Dr. Guthrie commenced his autobiography in 1868, after declining age and health had forced him to retire from the pulpit, and continued writing it through sickness and failing strength till January, 1873, when he died. His sons took up the story and ably finished the task the father had begun, supplying a great deal of information omitted by Dr. Guthrie. The work will be found both profitable and entertaining reading. It gives an account of Dr. Guthrie's long and arduous pulpit labors, and is full of personal and humorous anecdotes and stories of Scotch peculiarities. Dr. Guthrie was one of Scotland's most remarkable men and gifted orators. This record of his life and labors must find many readers and admirers. 12mo, cloth, \$2.00.

PRACTICAL TREATISE ON THE DISEASES OF CHILDREN, by J. F. Meigs, M. D., and Wm. Pepper, M. D. (Lindsay & Blakiston.) A fifth carefully revised edition of this standard work. Several important articles have been almost entirely rewritten. Among others that on the "Diseases of the Heart, Progressive Muscular Sclerosis, Scarlet Fever and Measles, Variola and Vaccine Disease, etc." The entirely new articles include Pulmonary Emphysema, Pneumothorax, Affection of the Tonsils, Retropharyngeal Abscess, Malarial Fevers, and Scrofula. The present edition, though much of the subordinate matter has been placed in smaller type, embraces over 1,000 pages, an increase of ninety on the last edition, and is now the most exhaustive volume on the subject. 8vo, cloth, \$6; shp., \$7.

Every Saturday of February 7th includes the *Riverside Bulletin* as a chatty literary department. The *Bulletin* man says that under the present epidemic he couldn't resist trying how it felt to be "merged." The *London Spectator* says of the remarkable serial just begun in *Every Saturday*, "Far from the Maddening Crowd," that "if it is not written by George Eliot, then there is a new light among novelists."

THE LIBRARY CORNER.

Under this head we propose, at the suggestion of an active librarian, to gather together such matter as may be of interest to the managers of, and those interested in, libraries, in the way of practical suggestions, regarding library economy, descriptions of new improvements in arrangement or methods of work, summaries of library reports, items as to the personnel of libraries, news as to legacies, benefactions generally, notes and queries, etc. The libraries of the country have at present no special organ of communication, and as they need the same information as the bookseller, in book lists and the like, and are to some extent already subscribers to the WEEKLY, it seems eminently proper that their interests should be especially consulted in this publication. The frequency and extent of this department will depend upon the support we receive for it, both in the supply of matter for it, which we ask from all librarians who can give us anything of interest, and in the increase of subscriptions among libraries. Of course there will be found much matter of interest to the librarian in our regular literary and trade columns, and to the trade in this.

IN reply to an inquiry regarding the preparation of a key to anonyms and pseudonyms we would say that it would hardly pay us to undertake such work. We would suggest to librarians the plan of having a copy of Hamst's "Hand-Book for Fictitious Names," interleaved, and to complete the list from recent catalogues and daily experience. A careful examination of the recent Boston Public Library Catalogues will at once supply ample material. "A Key to some *noms de plume*" (and anonyms), published by us in the "Trade Circular Annual for 1871," might also be used as a basis for preparing such a list.

DR. JULIUS PETZOLDT, librarian of the late King John, of Saxony, had the kindness to address us for the purpose of correcting the following item, which appeared in the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY, Vol. IV., No. 26: "The Memoirs of the late King John of Saxony, edited by his former Aide-de-Camp, Herr von Witzleben, are announced for publication." Dr. Petzholdt states that no action whatever has been taken for publishing these memoirs. The news probably originated in the fact that von Witzleben had simply made a copy of the King's manuscript.

THE Grand Duke Alexis has given to the library of Michigan University, the History of the Russian Empire, 10 volumes; History of Russia, 22 volumes; Course of Civil Law, 3 volumes; Manual of Criminal Law, 1 volume; Historical Notes of the First Fifty Years of the University of St. Petersburg, 1 volume; Minutes of the Council of the University of St. Petersburg, 6 volumes; Extracts from the Reports of the Condition and the Acts of the University of Moscow; Notices Published by the University of St. Vladimir for 1871, '72, '73, containing the Yearly Report for 1872, and other information referring to University Life; Notes of the University of New Russia from the time of its foundation, containing, among other matters, the Report of the University for last year, 10 volumes.

THE Brooklyn Mercantile Library has lately published a convenient list, by title and author, of all the works of fiction on its shelves.

WESLEYAN University, Middletown, Conn., has 25,000 volumes in its library, and a library fund of \$27,000.

THE Wisconsin State Historical Library has just issued its catalogue, in two volumes, the work of the librarian, Mr. David S. Durrie, and his daughter. The *Nation* says: "It is a plain, unpretentious finding-list, giving all the essential facts about each book, and classifying by author and title, with numerous cross-references. A year ago the library contained 25,691 bound volumes, and 28,553 pamphlets and unbound volumes, and this number was increased by 2,000 before the catalogue was closed for the press, July 1. We have often had occasion to note the richness of this collection, and we will now only remark that the newspapers alone occupy nine pages of the catalogue, and genealogical works seven. There are upwards of two hundred and forty volumes made up of pamphlets chronologically sorted, and separately indexed, which consist either of sermons or of religious miscellany, English and American. Prof. Allen's selected catalogue of the Tank Library is added as an appendix."

IN his last Presidential address to the Medico-Legal Society, Mr. Clark Bell reiterated the desirability of founding a complete library of medicol-jurisprudence, which department is very inadequately represented in existing libraries. Exclusive of pamphlets there are from 1,000 to 1,500 volumes published in this country and in Europe, and the sum of \$2,500 would probably establish the library upon a permanent basis. Under the resolutions making it the duty of each member to contribute one volume annually, 100 volumes were donated last year, besides \$327.50 in cash. Immediate steps are to be taken to complete the work, and it is proposed to allow non-members contributing the free use of the library.

THE fifth annual report of the Peabody Academy of Sciences, at Salem, edited by Dr. A. S. Packard, is especially valuable for the record of American entomology for 1872, which contains an enumeration of everything relating to entomology which has been published either in the United States or Canada during that year, and of all that has appeared abroad concerning the American insect fauna.

THE two open literary societies at Dartmouth College propose to consolidate their libraries, of about 10,000 each, with the college library of 20,000. The idea is good, for the society libraries are apt to be weaklings, since no one has time to manage them, besides duplicating on the college library.

DARTMOUTH proposes a new library building, for which funds are in part ready, with room for the Thayer School of Civil Engineering and an art gallery.

THE late Emanuel Deutsch's Hebrew library is, to be purchased by L. M. Rothschild for the library of Jew's College.

THE Lenox Library Building, Fifth avenue and Seventy-second street, approaches completion, and presents a superb appearance from the park. Its main building has ninety-five feet front, the two projecting wings adding each forty-eight feet frontage, in Greek architecture. It will cost \$500,000.

MR. F. VINTON, Assistant Librarian of Congress, has contributed to the January number of the *Bibliotheca Sacra* a most interesting and gracefully written article on the "Book Rarities at Washington."

THE Long Island Historical Society's valuable library suffered very serious loss, estimated in money at from \$5,000 to \$8,000, in the recent fire in Brooklyn.

THE St. Louis Public School Library has now 35,200 volumes, including the collections of the Academy of Science, and has lately dedicated a new reading room, supplied with 242 periodicals. The circulation of books last year amounted to 96,000 volumes; the total membership was 5,054. Membership costs \$12 for life, payable at once, or in installments of from \$1 to \$4, within a period of four years, or \$3 per annum.

ALEXANDER J. SHELDON, resigning his position as librarian of the Grosvenor Library, Buffalo, N. Y., has received a resolution of thanks from the board of trustees, together with a letter from the prominent citizens of the place, in recognition of his bibliographical attainments and the zeal and courtesy with which he discharged his important duties. Mr. Sheldon is desirous of making journalistic arrangements; meantime he offers his services as bibliographer to library committees to advise in organizing, or to purchase books. He may be addressed at 93 Folsom street, Buffalo, or care of this office.

LONDON has a new library enterprise in "The Student's Library," for the purpose of supplying science and professional students, and general students of every description, with books for their particular study. Every book in print is supplied to subscribers, according to their class of subscription; and every book of the same nature out of print will be acquired by the library as soon as possible. A special subscription has been arranged for all expensively illustrated works of art, architecture, civil engineering, geography, or science. A reading-room has also been opened, which contains files of daily and weekly journals, special, professional, technical, and scientific journals, and a well-selected library of reference.

A CATALOGUE of books has just appeared, entirely unexampled in the annals of bibliography; it is called "*Bibliotheca Xylographica, Typographica et Paleographica*," and describes a collection of "Block Books and Early Productions of the Printing Press in all centuries," with a supplement of manuscripts, offered for cash by Mr. B. Quaritch, of Piccadilly. Some idea of the value of its contents may be formed from the fact that the selling price of seventy-five articles, from the 1,250 it contains, amounts to £10,485. It includes the famous Perkins copy of the Bible of Gutenberg, price 3,000 guineas. America is represented by Eliot's "Indian Bible," with the English title and dedication, £225; a unique "Christian Doctrine in the Native Indian Language," Cambridge, 1665, £90, and other rarities.

COLLECTORS will find choice amusement and instruction in "An Introduction to the Study and Collection of Ancient Prints," by W. H. Willshire, M.D., large 8vo. Dr. Willshire is a scientific man who finds a relaxation from severer studies in the pursuit of art. He has rendered good service to like amateurs by the production of a volume that fills a vacant place in English art literature.—*Bookbuyer*.

THE private theatrical library of the late Mr.

T. H. Lacy, who bequeathed the bulk of his property to the Dramatic College, has just been sold by auction by Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge. It realized £2,647 1s.

A LARGE number of manuscripts of Herder have recently been purchased by the Royal Library at Berlin.

THE University of Edinburgh (founded by James VI.) has a library of over one hundred thousand volumes, besides one of the finest museums of natural history in Scotland.

AT the annual meeting of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society the librarian reported several valuable gifts.

THE Commission appointed to consider the propriety of the proposed scheme of amalgamating the British Museum and South Kensington, is understood to have arrived at a conclusion unfavorable to the scheme.

MR. FABER, distinguished in connection with the Early English Text Society, has accepted a commission from the Trustees of the British Museum to reproduce the title-pages of every work entered at Stationers' Hall since its incorporation in the reign of Henry VII. Two years will elapse before the completion of this invaluable work.

THE issue of the ninth edition of the "Encyclopædia Britannica" is to be an enterprise of great proportion; in fact, the work is to be almost reconstructed, and the highest talent and profoundest learning is to be enlisted in its behalf. The editor of the revision, Thomas Spencer Baynes, LL.B., is the Professor of logic, rhetoric, and metaphysics in the University of St. Andrews; and among the contributions already engaged are papers from T. H. Huxley, LL.D.; Sir Henry C. Rawlinson, President of the Royal Geographical Society; William B. Carpenter, the distinguished physiologist; Richard A. Proctor, whose astronomical writings are so eagerly sought; James Glaisher, F.R.S., the Controller of the British Meteorological Department; and a hundred others eminent in history, philosophy, theology, politics, architecture, chemistry, and the uncounted departments of learning which an encyclopædia must traverse. All the old articles will be thoroughly revised and brought to date, and an improved classification and subdivision of topics will be adopted. The work is projected on the same scale as before, twenty-one volumes quarto; but, the extent of the alterations giving occasion, the edition will be reset in handsome new type, and profuse illustrations will be introduced into the text. The first volume may be looked for during the current year, and publication will thereafter continue at the rate of about three volumes per annum. The work promises to be in all respects admirable, and Little, Brown & Co., who are the American agents, may confidently expect an encouraging harvest—one that will be as rich to the public as profitable to themselves.

A MOMENTOUS enterprise in English bibliography has been undertaken by Mr. Edward Arber, of London; being nothing less than the issue, to subscribers, of a complete Transcript of the Registers of the Company of Stationers of London, between 1554 and 1640. Those registries constitute the foundation of English bibliography, seeing that they are the one authoritative record of first editions in the great age of English letters. Most of the poems, interludes, and plays are here set down, with publications on the earliest East Indian

voyages, and books relating to the settlement of America. There are also included entries concerning the careers of individual printers, bookbinders, and publishers; dinner bills, 1555-1558, with other interesting items which afford data for a history of wages, prices of food, etc., in London. The registries are the private property of the Stationers' Company, and the mere sight of them has long been a great favor. Several attempts have been made to publish them, but these have hitherto failed for lack of funds. The terms of Mr. Arber's issue are worth remarking: The Transcripts will be comprised in four thick volumes, of about 3,000 pages in all, and not more—probably a considerable number less—than 460 copies will be printed, of which a few will be on large paper. There will be reserved for America ten of the large and 100 of the small paper edition. No copy will be supplied for resale, and the name of each subscriber will be printed on the title-page of each of his volumes. On the day of the publication of the last volume, all copies not then subscribed for will be destroyed. The price of the work is, large paper, £52; small paper, £21.

BUSINESS CHANGES.

ALTON, ILL.—The firm of Lee, Pierce & Co., booksellers and stationers, have been succeeded by M. I. Lee & Co., who solicit latest price lists of publishers and manufacturing stationers.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—The business heretofore carried on by Uriah Hunt's Sons will be continued from this date under the name of Hunt & Congdon. Mr. Congdon has been with this house several years.

LITERARY AND TRADE NEWS.

J. B. LIPPINCOTT & Co., Phila., have just ready "The Parisians," by Lord Lytton, both in the Globe and "Lord Lytton" editions, and "Bébé; or, Two Little Wooden Shoes," by Ouida. They also announce for immediate publication the third and concluding volume of the "Life of Charles Dickens," by John Forster; "Memoirs of John Quincy Adams, Comprising Portions of His Diary From 1795 to 1848," edited by Hon. Charles Francis Adams, vol. I, and "A Strange Story," the eighth volume of the "Lord Lytton" edition of that author. Their list of books in the press includes "The Second Wife," a novel after the German of E. Marlitt, by Mrs. A. L. Wister; "Hulda," a novel after the German of Fanny Lewald, by the same translator as the foregoing; "The Life of Benjamin Franklin," written by himself, now first edited from original manuscripts, and from his printed correspondence and other writings, by Hon. John Bigelow, revised edition, 3 vols.; "Olive Lacey," a story by Anna Argyle; "The Life of Edwin Forrest," by Rev. William R. Alger, illustrations and portraits; "Hubert Freeth's Prosperity," a story by Mrs. Newton Crosland; "The Heir of Malreward; or, Restored," a novel by the author of "Son and Heir," and "Public Men and Events From the Commencement of Mr. Monroe's Administration, in 1817, to the Close of Mr. Fillmore's Administration, in 1853," by Nathan Sargent.

A PART of Mr. Bancroft's concluding volume is in the hands of the printer.

WE learn from the *Bookbuyer* that the reprint separately from the Speaker's Commentary of the Section on Exodus is having a wide circulation

among the Sunday-schools engaged upon the International Uniform Series of Lessons. In May and June, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy will be taken up; and as an aid to the study of these books, Messrs. Scribner, Armstrong & Co. will follow up their plan of issuing separately the sections of the "Speaker's Commentary," which are devoted to them. Although the volume will contain over 500 pages it will be sold at the very low price of \$1 75. A fresh volume of the Commentary itself, embracing the poetical books of the Bible, is nearly ready.

A NOVEL by Rev. Robert Collyer, entitled "John Watkinson's Wife," is appearing in the *Lakeside Monthly*.

HORATIO ALGER's next juvenile is to follow the Greeley principle. "Julius; or, The Boy out West" will be its title.

A HISTORY of Scottish Philosophy is being written by Dr. McCosh, for publication by the Carters. This important work will be, of course, largely biographical, containing the lives of a hundred or more Scotch thinkers. And who more capable to write it than the learned President of Princeton?

A VOLUME of twenty-eight "Sketches of Illustrious Soldiers," including great captains from Chevalier Bayard and Constable Bourbon down to Lee, Sherman, and Grant, from the pen of James Grant Wilson, is forthcoming at G. P. Putnam's Sons. The book will be a 12mo, \$2.50, containing four portraits on steel. The same firm announce, also, "Hampton and Its Students," by two of its teachers, Mrs. M. Armstrong and Helen W. Ludlow. The book includes sketches of the settlement of Hampton, and of the founding and development of the college, pictures of life among slaves and freedmen, and eighty pages of original negro songs, with music, and will have sixteen illustrations. 8vo, cloth, \$1.50. They have also arranged with Messrs. Carmany, of San Francisco, to supply the Eastern market with Capt. Scammon's "Marine Mammals" under their own imprint.

GENERAL MCCLELLAN is writing for *Harper's Monthly* a series of articles on army organizations throughout the world. The work, when completed, will be very valuable.

THREE lives of Chief Justice Chase are in prospect, two of them under especially happy auspices. J. W. Schuckers, whose work, which will make an octavo volume of 500 pages, is in press at the Appletons', was Mr. Chase's private secretary from about 1860 to 1871, and we believe has had the aid of Mr. Chase's family in his work; while Hon. Hiram Barney was long one of Mr. Chase's most intimate friends. The third author is a western gentleman, Judge Worden.

AUERBACH's new novel "Waldfried; a German Family History of the Present Time," will, by arrangement with the author, be published by H. Holt & Co.

WE learn from the *Arcadian* that a long poem from Walt Whitman will be given to the readers of the March *Harper's*; that Mr. Stoddard has written a fine poem for the April number, and that Stedman is to have his new poem, "The Lord's Day Gale," in the April *Atlantic*.

CAPT. C. M. SCAMMON, of the U. S. Revenue Marine, has completed a work on "The Marine Mammals of the North-western Coast of North America," with an account of the American whale-fishery, which is to be published about

March 1, by J. H. Carmany & Co., San Francisco, G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York. It will be an elegantly printed quarto, illustrated with thirty or more fine full-page plates, whose accuracy has been attested by Prof. Agassiz. The importance of the general work has received the recognition of Profs. Baird, Whitney, and others. The price of the volume, cloth, is placed at \$10.

COL. JOHN HAY will be sketched with pen and pencil in the April *Scribner's*.

VICTOR HUGO, who has only a purely theoretical knowledge of English, is attempting to revise the English proofs of his new novel. Its chief characters are Marat, Danton, Robespierre, St. Just, and Theroigne de Mericour, Robespierre being studied, it is stated, from Mr. Lewes' biography.

McLOUGHLIN BROS. are preparing a series of Toy Books with German text, "The Visit of St. Nicholas" and "The Story of Santa Claus" leading the list.

NEARLY twenty thousand copies of Marian Harland's "Common Sense in the Household" were sold last year, proving it to be one of the most popular books of its class ever placed in the market.

THE new edition of "The Poems of William Blake," which Wm. Rossetti is engaged upon, will be the first complete collection, comprising several compositions never before published.

TENNYSON lately wrote respecting a publication which resuscitated some of his earlier work: "I object to variorum readings. When the carpenter has made his table why should we treasure the chips? and when poems have been rejected, why not let them be rejected? And as for biographical illustrations, etc., it seems to me that these had better wait till my death."

M. TAINE is lecturing this year on ancient sculpture in his course on the *Æsthetics* and the History of Art.

A WESTERN editor, Mr. Jonathan Periam, is the author of a "History of the Origin, Aims, and Progress of the Farmers' Movement, the Transportation Question, etc.," in a book soon to be published in Cincinnati.

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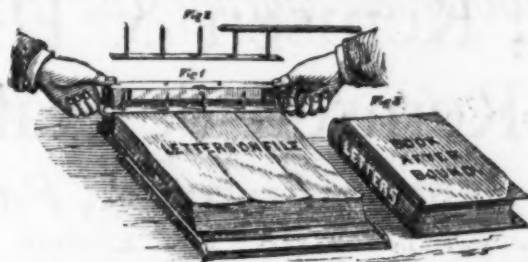
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